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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING A NOVEL HUMAN SERPIN  
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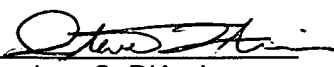
In reply to the Office Action dated July 3, 2003, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group 1, without traverse, drawn to a polynucleotide fragment having at least 95% identity to a polynucleotide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and encoding a polypeptide comprising a mature serpin of SEQ ID NO:2 or the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA sequence present in the ATCC deposit No. PTA-2766, or variants thereof having native serpin inhibitory activity, to vectors comprising the polynucleotide fragment, to host cells comprising the polynucleotide fragment and a method of making a host cell comprising the polynucleotide fragment, and to a recombinant method of making an encoded serpin in a host cell using the polynucleotide. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants response is timely and no extensions are necessary.

If any fee is due in connection herewith, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-3880 of the undersigned. Furthermore, if any extension of time not already accounted for is

required, such extension is hereby petitioned for, and it is requested that any fee due for said extension be charged to the above-stated Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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